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SUBJECT: AID TO LAOS DELAYED IN THAILAND BY BORDER CLOSURE;

"SOCIALIST" AID ARRIVES THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM

REF.: USDAO VIENTIANE IR 685621475 (290300Z DEC. 75), NOTAL

1. AS REPORTED BY USDAO/VIENTIANE (REFERENCE), LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS SIENG PASASON AND VIENTIANE MAI DECEMBER 25

CARRIED STATEMENT BY LAO OFFICIAL THAT FOLLOWING AID

TO LAOS HELD UP IN THAILAND BY THAI BORDER CLOSURE;

FROM THE PRC: 6300 TONS OF RICE

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16 CASES OF OFFICE MATERIAL

245 CASES OF ELECTRIC LAMPS
325 SEWING MACHINES
4000 BICYCLES

FROM THE USSR: MORE THAN 10 MILLION LITERS OF GASOLINE
AND OIL
1042 CASES OF CONDENSED MILK
1880 CASES OF POWDERED MILK
556 CASES OF FLOUR
1346 CASES OF CANNED FISH
279 CASES OF CANNED MEAT
1131 TONS OF NEWSPRINT

FROM THE UN: 700 TONS OF RICE.

2. IN ADDITION TO GOODS LISTED ABOVE, OTHER AID TO
LAOS IS LIKELY BEING DELAYED IN THAILAND BY BORDER
CLOSURE. MITSUI REPRESENTATIVE AND CANADIAN ADVISER
TO LAO ELECTRICITY COMPANY (EDL) TOLD EMBOFF THAT
NAM NGUM II PROJECT IS AFFECTED BY BORDER CLOSURE.
FUEL FOR DRILLING BY SWISS FIRM AT SITE OF DAM GATES
IS NOT AVAILABLE AND SWISS EXPERTS REPORTED TO BE AT
A STANDSTILL WITH THEIR PART OF PROJECT. JAPANESE
FIRM (MITSUI) HAS NOT RECEIVED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO
COMMENCE ITS WORK ON NAM NHUM PHASE II. MITSUI EXPERT
BELIEVES THAT IF BORDER NOT OPEN BY FEBRUARY 1, NAM
NGUM PHASE II PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED FOR ONE
YEAR, AS THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE
FIRST PHASE OF WORK AS PLANNED BEFORE RAINY SEASON
BEGINS.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, LOCAL NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED
TO REPORT ARRIVAL FROM HANOI OF DRV C-130'S AND SOVIET AN-
12'S CARRYING POL, MEDICINE AND OTHER NECESSITIES. ALSO,
A CONVOY OF TRUCKS FROM NORTH VIETNAM WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED
AT PAKCADING (EAST-SOUTHEAST OF PAKSANE) ON DECEMBER 18
BRINGING THE FOLLOWING COMMODITIES: 557 BARRELS OF GASOLINE
AND 140 CASES OF MILK FROM THE USSR, 24 TONS OF SUGAR FROM
THE PRC, 5 TONS OF POLISH SALT AND 24 TONS OF POLISH
FLOUR, 695 BOXES OF CANNED FOOD FROM THE GDR, AND 1736
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CASES OF CANNED MEAT FROM HUNGARY. LOCAL PRESS ADDS THAT
OTHER CONVOYS WILL FOLLOW, TRANSPORTING AID COMMODITIES FOR
LAOS THAT ARRIVED IN HAIPHONG FROM OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSIT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS.
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